



**GRANT RECIPIENT**  
ALLIANCE FOR THE GREAT LAKES

**YEAR**  
2010

**COUNTY**  
LA PORTE

**CATEGORY**  
EDUCATION/OUTREACH

**GRANT AWARD**  
\$1989.00

**LOCAL SHARE**  
\$1989.00

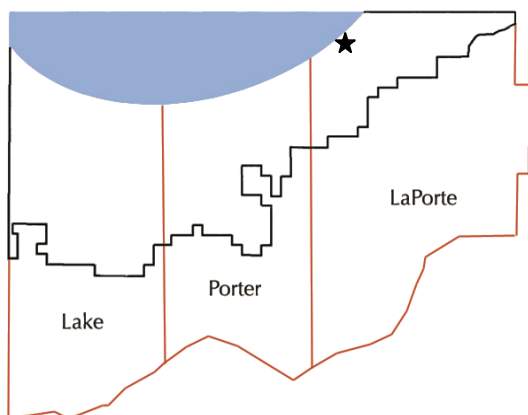


## Great Lakes in My World and Adopt A Beach in Washington Park

The goal of this project was twofold, first bring out staff, students and families from Michigan City Area Schools (MCAS) to a fun informational event at a local beach and second to train teachers at MCAS to integrate Great Lakes education into their classroom. Specifically, MCAS, the Alliance and Michigan City Parks and Recreation co-hosted an Adopt-a-Beach™ event at Washington Park for families, staff and students of MCAS. At that event, 75 participants, including at least four teachers and over 20 students and their families conducted an Adopt-a-Beach visit; learned about Lake Michigan through station rotations of activities from curriculum; and spent time enjoying their shoreline. These were joined by 40 additional volunteers. Later, the Alliance provided a teacher training for MCAS teachers to use the *Great Lakes in My World* curricular resource and Adopt-a-Beach™ program. This workshop made it easy for teachers to integrate Great Lakes education into their classroom. Teachers were provided with *Great Lakes in My World* curriculum kits and Great Lakes education professional development training. Fifteen of the 23 educators were trained as Adopt-a-Beach™ team leaders and participated in an Adopt-a-Beach™ event at Sheridan Stop 7 in Michigan City where they collected two datasets and participated in a *Great Lakes in My World* lesson plan out at the beach.



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**RESULT:** Educate Students and Teachers About the Great Lakes.